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1. FOLLOWING ARE INITIAL COMMENTS FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AT  
MAY 21 HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING:

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2. WE ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO INSTRUCT YOU ON VAN LENNEP'S

DRAFT DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH LDCS (REF C).

3. ON PROPOSED COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE (REF B);

A. IN PARA 6, THE PHRASE "MEMBER COUNTRIES' ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES" NEEDS REWORKING TO ELIMINATE POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION THAT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY POLICIES WILL COME UNDER REVIEW. PHRASE MIGHT READ "REVIEW OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN OECD MEMBERS AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." IN SAME PARA, DELETE WORDS "NEW AND", WHICH WILL LEAVE PHRASE MORE GENERAL, (FYI. WE MAY HAVE FURTHER COMMENTS ON THIS PARA SINCE WE ARE STILL CONSIDERING SCOPE OF STUDY. END FYI).

B. IN PARA 8, DELETE THE PHRASE "FOR A MORE ACTIVE AND CONCERTED POLICY TOWARDS COMMODITIES, ENCOMPASSING" AND SUBSTITUTE "TO STUDY URGENTLY THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL POLICIES TOWARDS COMMODITIES. THIS STUDY COULD ENCOMPASS AMONG OTHER POINTS". WE PROPOSE THIS CHANGE SINCE WE THINK IT PREMATURE TO PREJUDGE RESULTS OF THE COMMODITY STUDY.

C. IN PARA 9, POINT SHOULD BE MADE MORE EXPLICITLY THAT WE SHOULD NOT SIMPLY BEGIN REBUILDING STOCKS, BUT SHOULD PURSUE STOCKBUILDING AS PART OF AN OVERALL SYSTEM. PARA MIGHT BE REVISED BY DELETING WORD "REBUILDING" AND SUBSTITUTING PHRASE "TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM OF". WE SHOULD ALSO REPLACE WORD "FOODSTUFFS" BY "GRAINS".

D. PARA 10. (FYI. WE MAY WISH TO MAKE COMMENTS ON THIS PARA IN THE LIGHT OF COMMENTS WE WILL BE MAKING ON TEXT CONTAINED IN OECD PARIS 12719. END FYI).

4. ON PROPOSED COUNCIL DECISION ESTABLISHING GROUP FOR NORTH/SOUTH STUDY (REF A), WE BELIEVE AD HOC GROUP IS PREFERRED VEHICLE FOR CARRYING OUT STUDY BUT WISH TO DEFER DECISION ON BODY TO WHICH IT WILL REPORT. WE BELIEVE THE AD HOC GROUP SHOULD HOLD AT LEAST ITS INITIAL MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN JULY, GIVEN THE URGENCY OF THE TASK.

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A. IN PARA 2 OF AD HOC GROUP MANDATE, DELETE WORDS "NEW AND" TO MAKE LANGUAGE MORE GENERAL, CONSISTENT WITH POSITION TAKEN PARA 3(A) ABOVE. SIMILARLY, WE MAY HAVE FURTHER COMMENTS HERE AS WELL. INGERSOLL

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